

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

NEW YEARS HOLIDAY PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

2011-2012 NEW YEARS HOLIDAY 6:00pm, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 - 11:59pm, MONDAY, JANUARY 2 78-HOUR HOLIDAY PERIOD

In Tennessee, there were two fatal crashes resulting in two deaths, yielding a fatality rate of one death every 39 hours. Both crashes were single vehicle crashes.

One of the fatalities (50%) occurred in alcohol-related crashes.

Both of the people killed were vehicle occupants.

Both of the occupants killed were not wearing seat belts.

No pedestrians, motorcyclists, or child passengers were killed.

FATALITY LOG

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Fatalities</u>	<u>Alcohol Related</u>
Monday	7:31 PM	Knox	State Route	1	No
Monday	8:43 PM	Robertson	State Route	1	Yes

HIGHEST DEATHS

In 1970-71, 19 people were killed in Tennessee traffic crashes during the 78-hour New Years holiday period, yielding a fatality rate of one death per 4.1 hours.

LOWEST DEATHS*

In 2010-2011, six people were killed in Tennessee traffic crashes during the 78-hour New Years holiday period, yielding a fatality rate of one death per 9.8 hours.

*If the 2011-2012 preliminary total holds, it will be the lowest on record.